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MANISH S. SHAH'S NOMINATION AS JUDGE OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS CONFIRMED

CHICAGO – On Wednesday evening, April 30, 2014, the United States Senate confirmed the nomination of Manish S. Shah as a U.S. district judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Judge-Designate Shah received his B.A. from Stanford in 1994 and his Juris Doctorate from The University of Chicago Law School in 1998. After law school, Shah was an associate at Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe, where he primarily worked on antitrust litigation. From 1999 to 2001, Shah served as a law clerk to the Honorable Judge James B. Zagel in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Shah then joined the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois as an Assistant United States Attorney, where he worked in General Crimes (2001-2003), Narcotics & Gangs (2003-2004), and Public Corruption (2004-2007). He was then promoted to Deputy Chief of General Crimes in 2007 and later of Financial Crimes & Special Prosecutions in 2008. In 2011 he was promoted to Chief of Criminal Appeals. Shah currently serves as Chief of the Criminal Division, a position he has held since 2012.

Chief Judge Castillo said, "Manish Shah will bring incredible talent and energy to the bench and all my colleagues look forward to his service with our Court. Our Court is grateful for the continued bipartisan cooperation between Senators Durbin and Kirk that has made this confirmation possible."

On September 19, 2013, President Obama nominated Shah to a seat vacated by Judge Joan Lefkow, who took senior status, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. He received a hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee on November 13, 2013, and his nomination was reported to the floor of the Senate on January 16, 2014, by voice vote. The Senate confirmed his nomination on April 30, 2014, by a roll call vote (95-0). He is currently awaiting his commission.

Illinois' two U.S. Senators, Dick Durbin and Mark Kirk, have successfully worked together to recommend qualified individuals for federal judgeships to the President. The Non-Partisan Judicial Search Committee is currently working on filling the remaining vacancy on the Northern District of Illinois bench.